



# Paint Sludge Cleanup Continues at Ringwood Mines Site

## Our Goal is to Keep You Informed

Public participation is essential to the success of the Superfund program and EPA. If you have any questions regarding EPA's cleanup activities at this site, please contact Joe Gowers, EPA Remedial Project Manager, at (212) 637-4413 or email at [gowers.joe@epa.gov](mailto:gowers.joe@epa.gov). You can also contact Patricia Seppi, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at (212) 637-3679 or email at [seppi.pat@epa.gov](mailto:seppi.pat@epa.gov). You can also call EPA toll-free at 1-877-494-1308.

## Regional Public Liaison

EPA, Region 2 has designated a Regional Public Liaison for you to call and express your concerns or complaints about the Superfund program. Please call (888) 283-7626.

## Information Repository

Copies of site-related plans are available for your review at the Ringwood Public Library at the following address:

Ringwood Public Library  
30 Cannici Drive  
Ringwood, New Jersey 07456

For information on the Superfund process, please visit EPA's website at:

**[www.epa.gov/superfund](http://www.epa.gov/superfund)**

Information on the various tools and resources available to community groups, as well as fact sheets about other sites, can be found there.

## Ringwood Mines/Landfill Site

Ringwood, New Jersey

September 2005

The Ford Motor Company, under EPA oversight, is scheduled to continue the removal of paint sludge at on-site location SR-3 during the week of September 26, 2005. SR-3 is located adjacent to Peter's Mine Road at the entrance to the Ringwood State Park. The excavation and removal work at the SR-3 location is expected to take up to 30 days to complete.

## Air Monitoring During Paint Sludge Excavation:

During excavation work, Ford's environmental consultant, Arcadis, will conduct air monitoring in the immediate excavation area, at the perimeter of the SR-3 work area, and at a nearby residence to ensure that residents and workers are not exposed to harmful levels of site-related chemicals. Air monitoring will be conducted for volatile chemicals as well as dust levels.

If elevated levels of contaminants or dust are detected during air monitoring, Arcadis will take immediate actions to reduce those levels. These actions may include the use of water mist to reduce dust levels or the use of suppressant foam to reduce the levels of volatile chemicals.

## SR-3 Paint Sludge Composition

During the Summer of 2005, Arcadis encountered paint sludge in SR-3 which was softer than paint sludge previously cleaned up at the site. Samples of this paint sludge were collected and analyzed to determine whether the softer paint sludge needs to be handled differently than paint sludge previously cleaned up at the site. The softer paint sludge was found to contain elevated levels of lead, similar to the hardened paint sludge previously removed from the site. Paint-related volatile chemicals were also found in the sludge, at levels ranging from approximately 7,500 parts per million to 31,000 parts per million.

EPA believes that waste handling and health and safety procedures to be used during SR-3 excavation work will ensure that residents and workers are not exposed to harmful levels of chemicals.